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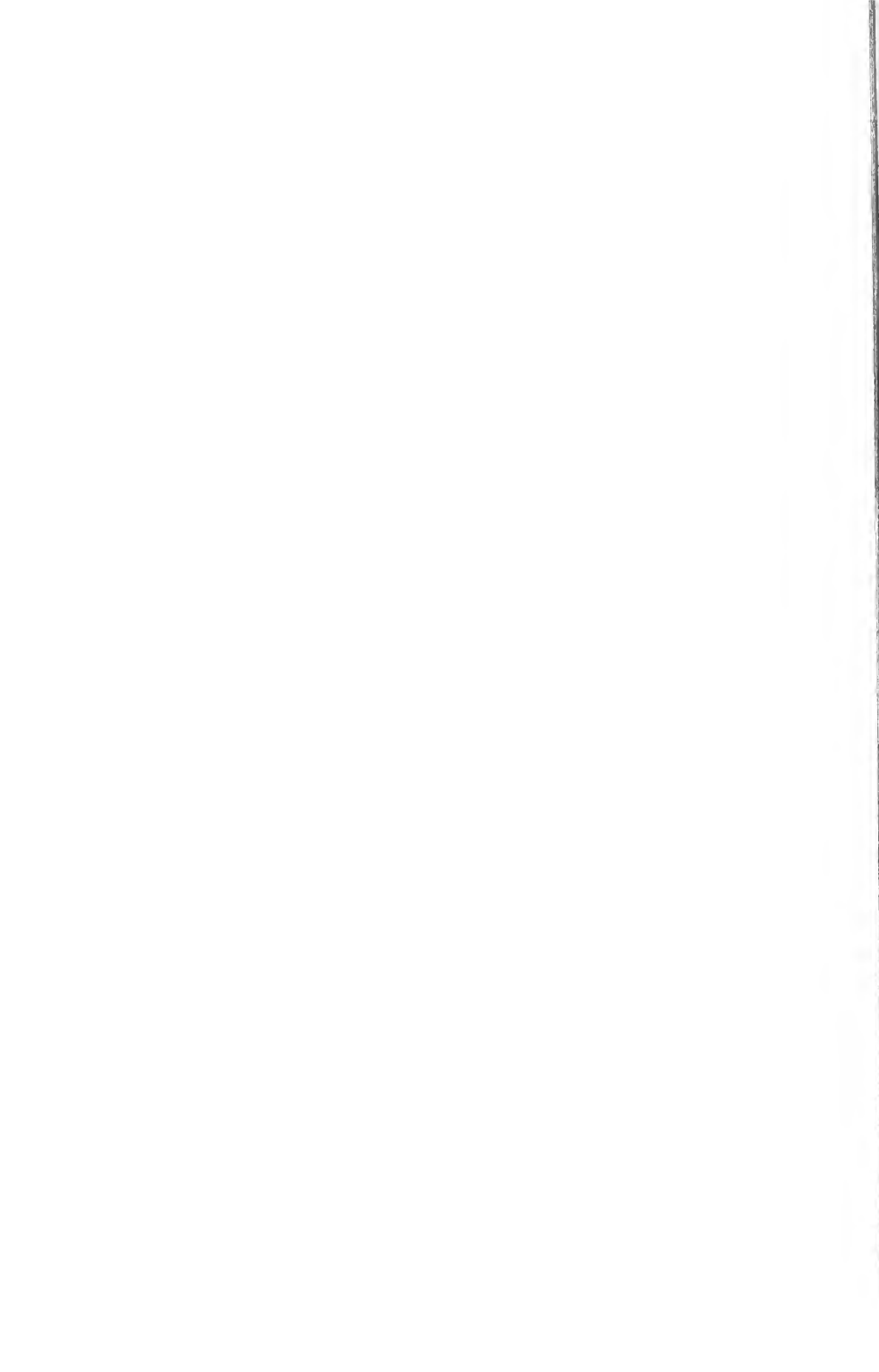
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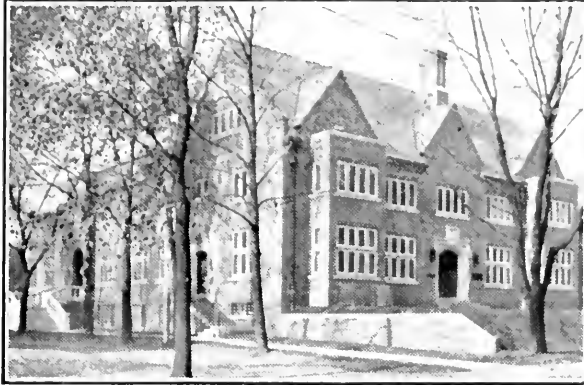
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Why I Joined the Bible College Staff

by Rev. J. W. Rhodes, M.A.

(The stenographic report of an address given at the opening service of the session at the request of the Principal.)

"Four years ago it was my privilege to address a few words to the students and friends of the College at the opening of a new season, and little did I think that again at this short interval I would be asked to address the school, but no longer as a minister giving a few hours a week but as a full time member of the staff. The question is: 'Why did I decide to accept this kind invitation extended to me by the Principal and Board of the Toronto Bible College?'

"To put it in a sentence, I might say that it was because I was convinced that this institution is doing the kind of thing that needs tremendously to be done in the world to-day, and

because I should like to have a part in that work. Let me define in further detail what is implied by such a statement as that.

I

"The forces of evil are vigorous and vital and aggressive to-day, and if ever there were a time when Christian forces required to be in active service, surely it is in our own day, and I had come to realize that Christianity, as it is understood and put into effect here at the Bible College, is nothing armchair, academical or apologetical, but it is vigorous and vital and aggressive. That has been the witness that this College has borne for forty-five years now. Perhaps there was never a time when such a witness was more needed and could be more effective than to-day. As you know, the

vast majority of our contemporaries seldom, if ever, find their way into a place of worship on the Lord's Day; they do not hear the preacher's voice from the pulpit. Therefore, there is an unprecedented opportunity for genuine Christian testimony, not only on the part of the preacher and teacher, but especially on the part of Christian men and women. Isn't it a distressing weakness of the church to-day that so many who call themselves by the name of Christ seldom, if ever, make a direct and decisive witness, or bare any express testimony to our Lord and Saviour! And it is the testimony being borne and the witness being borne by this institution, providing one of the things needed to-day in the world, that helped me to make this decision that was not made lightly or easily.

II

"But, then, if Christian testimony is needed in our day, what kind should it be? I suppose there never was a time when so many voices were striving to make themselves heard. Shouldn't our testimony be based on and be faithful to that revelation of God in Christ whose record we have in the Holy Scriptures? That is something else that the Bible College has set itself to do, to teach the Bible, and when I say that, I mean simply that. It takes the Bible at its face value and seeks to discern and appropriate its message. It doesn't concern itself with what the Bible intended to say or what the Bible should have said, but is willing to accept and act upon what the Bible, as we have it, does say; and it is a relief to find a place where one can set about studying and teaching the Scriptures without first apologizing or trying to justify the Bible.

"Never since the Middle Ages has the church been so distressingly ignorant of the teaching of the Bible as to-day. (Mr. Rhodes went on to point out that even men of renowned intelli-

gence are sometimes unable to quote the simple and popular phrases of the Bible, as occurred recently over one of our radio stations when a certain public man admitted such dismal ignorance of the Bible; and what was worse, he was quite unashamed of his ignorance, and his reputation for encyclopaedic knowledge was in no way diminished.) Consequent to this neglect of the teachings of the Bible is a refusal to recognize and submit to its authority.

III

"And yet even a testimony that professes to base itself on the Bible is not in itself sufficient. There are too many vagaries setting themselves forth as teachers of the Bible. A vital Christian testimony must be loyal to the historic faith of the Christian Church and constantly illuminated by the power of the Holy Spirit. I mention both of these facts because there are modern conceptions that are clearly at variance with all that the Church has believed and which stand thereby condemned. And yet we cannot seek merely to reproduce the convictions of men of bygone days . . . A loyal, vital and lasting conviction of Christian truth can be the work alone of the Holy Spirit. I believe that this institution has borne witness and is bearing witness to the indisputable necessity for the illumination and guidance of the Holy Spirit if ever we are to apprehend for ourselves or impart to others the truth revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

IV

"Surely a Christian faith that is based on the Bible, loyal to the convictions of the Church, and daily illumined and empowered by the Holy Spirit is going to bear fruit. Fruit is seen here within these walls and expresses itself in that radiating and satisfying quality of life that is to be realized here. It is really the life of

the Spirit that constitutes the bond that binds this College family into unity. That is still another reason why I count it a privilege to serve in a small way here.

"Denominations have their place and fulfill their purpose, but there is something that transcends denominations as such, and it is that life of Christ which is imparted to us through the Spirit dwelling within us. And therefore the life that expresses itself here is not constricting or confining, but rather it is a life that manifests itself in an enlarging and expansive fellowship, and we may rejoice in the liberty that is ours, for all things are ours in Christ Jesus.

V

"That fruit is to be found both within and without these walls: here in service rendered by our graduates at home, and across the seas in service in those distant lands. And that is the last thing I should like to mention this morning, which inclined me to ac-

cept the Board's invitation to serve full time. This institution has always met the challenge of the missionary mandate. It is a record of which to be proud that year by year men and women have gone forth from these walls into almost literally every land of earth carrying the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. And the distressing weakness of the church at large to-day is the pitiful indifference and sometimes active hostility of professing Christian men and women towards that last injunction of the Master to go into all the world to proclaim the Gospel that He had provided.

"It was in order to have in some small way, behind the scenes as it were, a part in the world-wide missionary enterprise that inclined me in no small degree to accept the invitation of the Board. Because this institution is doing the kind of thing that needs so tremendously to be done in the world to-day I count it an honour to have some small share in its ministry."

A Word of Witness

by Ruth Troyer (E. C. '40)

(Given at a service conducted by the students of the College at Peoples Church, Toronto, on Nov. 8)

We of the Evening Classes comprise a very cosmopolitan group. Among us you will find stenographers, bank clerks, salesmen, teachers, nurses, domestics, mechanics, and others, most of whom are tired from a full day's work before coming to College. But as soon as we step inside we are conscious of a quiet, restful atmosphere, which causes us to forget the cares and problems of the day, and we become one happy family, conscious that we belong to one another because we belong to Jesus Christ. "For as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

Many of us avail ourselves of the privilege of having supper at the College. It is here, as we sit around

the tables, that we really get to know one another, as we share our Christian experiences, and discuss the deep truths brought out in our lectures.

To me also, the Evening Class prayer service is a time of rich spiritual blessing. Here we bring before God our thanksgiving for His care and guidance, and our petitions for the many members of our College family engaged in active service at home and abroad. Here, too, we remember our friends who have not the saving knowledge of the Lord that we have, and, in faith, we bring them before God, that He will touch their hearts and lead them to Himself. Here we ask forgiveness for our many failures, and seek God's blessing on our faculty as they open up to us the riches of God's Word. As these petitions are wonder-

fully answered, we are encouraged to be more faithful in this great prayer partnership, indeed proving that Prayer Changes Things.

I have learned many things at T.B.C. But there is one particular message which has become very real to me during my course. This message is found in Paul's second epistle to Timothy, chapter 2, verse 19: "The Lord knoweth them that are his". The Lord knoweth them that are His! If we are true Christians, having accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour, we know that we belong to Him. But have we ever pondered the thought that the Lord Himself knoweth whether or not we are His? Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me, and I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."

How does the Lord know we are His? Because every one who hears the gospel message and believes in Jesus Christ, is sealed by the Holy Spirit. When we turn to the Saviour in repentance and faith, the Saviour saves us, and the Spirit seals us, or marks us for His own. The Holy Spirit Himself is the seal. Every Christian should manifest the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in his life. Just as Jesus Christ was dependent upon the power of the Holy Spirit to do His Father's will while here on earth, so we must depend upon that power if we would truly live the Christian life. This statement made by one of our teachers, embodies a great truth which many Christians seem not to have realized: "It isn't that we must have more of the Holy Spirit; but that the Spirit may have more of us."

Sometimes a badly mutilated coin falls into our hands, and the inscription is almost beyond recognition. But that does not alter the fact that the said coin belongs to the country whose stamp it bears. Often, too, our lives

fail to manifest the Holy Spirit, but God still recognizes us as His own. The question is, Do others? How much of our life shows we are His? How much of it in love and humility declares the Spirit's power? Are we ashamed to own our Lord? Or can the seal of God upon our lives be seen plainly by all?

It is not always easy to take our stand for Christ in a world which seems to be getting more and more away from the things of God. It does take courage to be true to Him, when those with whom we associate day by day ridicule us for our faith. But our Lord did not promise us an easy time in the Christian life. "He that would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." The world hated Christ before; it hated us. He had to bear the scorn alone. We have His grace which is sufficient for all trials.

"Oh may our glory ever be thus,
That Christ is not ashamed of us."

Being chosen of God, and saved by His grace, which we have in no wise merited, we have a debt to pay to others who have not yet heard the wonderful story of Jesus and His love. In Christ's last instructions to His followers He said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." These words were not only given to the twelve; they were meant for all those whom the Lord knows are His. You and I are to be His witnesses, revealing Jesus to all with whom we come in contact. We of the Evening Classes have wonderful opportunities to testify for our Lord among those with whom we work day by day.

A few of us, like myself, are called to go farther afield. What a glorious privilege, yet what a great responsibility! I have had the advantages of

a Christian home, and at an early age was led to accept Christ as my Saviour. I have always looked forward to Sunday School and Church, and been interested in missions in a general way. But eight years ago this general interest in missions became the dominant purpose of my life, and I have no doubt that God definitely called me then to service for Him in the foreign field. The way he has led me during these years has been wonderful. I had hoped to attend the day classes of the College, but God had ruled otherwise. However, I can never be grateful enough that I have been allowed the opportunity and privilege of studying in the Evening Classes. To any young person who feels the need of Bible training, and is unable to attend in

the daytime, I cannot recommend too highly the work that we do on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

As I contemplate the future, I realize that my limitations are many, but He goeth before. And I have His promise, "And behold I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee back again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of". The Lord willing, I expect to leave for India in the near future, to carry the glorious gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to our brothers and sisters there. I do pray that I may prove worthy of such a wonderful calling.

A Missionary's Passion

Gene Ayton '34, who went to China in the fall of 1938 under the China Inland Mission, and who is stationed at Wuwei in Kansu Province, writes that he received a letter from the late Jim Smail '34, who died at Hangcheng, Shensi, on March 30 as a result of a motor truck accident.

A paragraph from the letter may be of interest as revealing the passion of a missionary for the people among whom he worked:

"Upon our return to Shensi we go to Fengsiangfu, and using that as a centre we seek to carry on the work

of seven counties. The Sian plain sorely needs labourers—so many are on furlough or transferred to other places either in Shensi or to other provinces. But, after all, I suppose this is not the greatest need as Ulf (Cronhielm '34) points out the tremendous need in Chinghai Province, with only five foreigners (missionaries, I suppose he means), and for that matter, Kansu is extremely badly off for workers. The north-west as a whole could receive fifty people and still not be adequately filled. The burden of the north-west and its needs press much upon my heart and mind."

A Gift to the Library

Among those whose lives were lost on the "Athenia," which was torpedoed by the Germans on the day England declared war, was the Rev. William Allan, the minister of Dovercourt Road Presbyterian Church, Toronto, whose helpful radio ministry was so widely known. Mr. Allan will be very greatly missed by a large Christian community in North America, who listened week by week to his familiar voice over the air.

The members of his family, Mrs. Allan and his son who sang for him, have made a very generous gift to the Bible College. They have dedicated Mr. Allan's library for the use of the students of the College. It is especially rich in homiletical and devotional literature and will be of very great help throughout the years. It now occupies a special set of shelves in the main library, and this space is set apart in memory of Mr. Allan.

News of the T. B. C. Family

A daughter, Margaret Lois, was born in Hamilton on April 29 to Mr. '34, and Mrs. Archie Barker.

A daughter, Marilyn Ruth, was born on Sept. 1 to Mr., '37, and Mrs. Percy Barley (Grace Lehman, '36-'38).

A daughter, Audrey Lois, was born on Sept. 8 to Rev., '26, and Mrs. Jos. Taylor (Violet Hancock, '30).

A daughter, Elsie Elmor, was born on Oct. 14 to Mr., '30, and Mrs. Ross Almas (Evelyn Harrow, '29).

A son, Donald Stewart, was born in Lanark on Oct. 31 to Mr., '38, and Mrs. Lenord Jones.

Frank Phillips, '39, was married to Rita Burton in Galt on Aug. 19.

Fred Walker, '35-'38, was married to Helen Kennedy on August 24 in Toronto. Rev. Robert Gordon, '38, officiated and Isabella Paterson, '37, was bridesmaid.

Florence Derbecker, '36, was married to William Brown, '38, in Kitchener on Sept. 5. Gladys Matheson, '37, was bridesmaid.

Herbert Cockburn, '39, was married to Violet Hay in Forward Baptist Church, Toronto, on Sept. 9.

Elva Glick, '36, was married to George Cramer on Sept. 16 in Lancaster, Pa.

Lily Cooper, '37-'39, was married to Cyril J. Burleigh on Sept. 18 at Colborne.

Iris Errey, Reg. N., student '31, was married to John Kennedy, of Fenelon Falls, on Oct. 4. Mrs. Kennedy served for several years in India under the Canadian Presbyterian Mission.

Verla Berry, '39, was married to Frank Anthony, '40, in Olivet Baptist Church, Toronto, on Oct. 6. Edna Good, '40, was bridesmaid, Donald Day, '40, was groomsmen, Mr. Shildrick was soloist, and Rev. J. K. Holland, '23, performed the ceremony.

Vivienne Rooney, '36-'37, was married to Alan MacKenzie on Oct. 14 in the Peoples Church, Toronto.

May Rabeby, '35, was married to Victor Marskett, E. C. '42, on Oct. 26 in Keelestdale Baptist Mission, Toronto. Rev. Albert Jones, E. C. '31, performed the ceremony, assisted by Adj. J. Smith, of Ottawa. Mrs. Albert Jones, E. C. '31, was matron of honour, Ella Cormack, '42, was bridesmaid, and Mrs. John Hadall, '30-'31, played the wedding music.

Evelyn Dennison, '37, who has been a member of the office staff of the College for the past two years, was married to Jack Heal, '37, in Waterloo on Nov. 1. They will live in Englehart where Mr. Heal is pastor of the Baptist church.

Doris Rolfe, '38, was married to Harold Lamshead, '39, on Nov. 2 in Toronto.

Helen Knight, '36, was married to Francis Rice, B.A., '35, on Nov. 11 at Meaford.

The death occurred in Peking, China, on Aug. 16, of Katharine Elizabeth, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Young (Jean Elder, '37-'38).

Mrs. J. W. Quimby (Edith Holder, '21) came home from China in the late summer to undergo a serious operation. She did not survive it and passed away on Oct. 1. She had served for five years under the China Inland Mission, and since her marriage Mr. and Mrs. Quimby had been carrying on an independent work among the Jews of whom there are now many thousands in Shanghai. The sympathy of the Bible College family goes out to Mr. Quimby and the children in China.

One of the early graduates of the College, Rev. T. G. R. Brownlow, D.D., '97, paid a brief visit with his daughter to the College during the summer, and was delighted to see the progress of the school. Dr. Brownlow is minister of a Methodist Episcopal church in Lansing, Mich.

Rev. John G. Myers, '18, of Ogdensburg, N.Y., has received the degree of Doctor of Theology from Pike's Peak Bible College for a thesis on the nature, source and goal of the Christian religion.

Rev. Jos. McDermott, '22, has recently been called to the pastorate of the Baptist church at Alderwood.

Lillian McIntosh, '22, is at home on furlough from Nigeria, where she has been working under the Sudan Interior Mission.

Lydia Dankert, '24, has been appointed matron of the K. & W. Orphanage, Waterloo.

Among the group who sailed for South America on Nov. 3 to work under the New Testament Missionary Union were Rev., '28, and Mrs. Victor Griffin (Helen Gordon, '18), George Rice, '30, returning to the field from furlough, and Lilian Perkins, '26-'27, who for several years has been organizing Secretary of the Scripture Union in Canada.

Bruce Brillinger, '29, is at home on furlough from French West Africa, where he works under the Sudan Interior Mission.

Roy Cook, '31, was ordained on Sept. 26 at Humber Bay Baptist Church. Rev. Dixon H. Gordon, '32, assisted at the service.

Mr., '31, and Mrs. Jas. Hutchinson, (Nellie Poole, '31) returned home recently from Austria where they have been working under the European Christian Mission.

Hilda McIlroy, Reg. N., '31, arrived in Toronto on Sept. 23 on furlough from Hangchow, China, where she has been supervising in the Church Missionary Society's Hospital.

Ruth MacLeod, '32, is at home on furlough from Formosa, where she has been engaged in missionary service under the English Presbyterian Board.

Rev. Donald Timpany, '32, formerly of Cochrane, is pastor of the New Liskeard Baptist Church. At their

recent annual convention, Mr. Timpany was elected Moderator of the Northern Association of Baptist Churches.

Gertrude Morgan, '33, is missionary at the Anna Phelps Memorial and Aubin Road Baptist missions in East Windsor.

Mr., '34, and Mrs. Jas. Annan left Toronto on Oct. 27 to return to their mission work in St. Vincent, B. W. I.

Mr., '34, and Mrs. George Anderson (Isabel Miller, '33), of the Sudan United Mission, who have been engaged in language study in France in preparation for their return to French Equatorial Africa this fall, and Jack Brotherton, '38, who was going to the field for the first time, have had to postpone sailing on account of the war, and are at present in National Service on the Isle of Wight.

Stanley Beard, '35, was ordained by the Associated Gospel Churches on Oct. 2 at Parkroad Gospel Tabernacle, of which he is the pastor. Robert Chubb, '36, assisted with the service.

Evelyn Hawn, Reg. N., '35, who has been taking post-graduate work in Edinburgh in preparation for service in India under the Canadian Baptist Mission, returned home recently to sail from Vancouver the latter part of November with a party of missionaries. Hilda Harrison, B.A., '30-'31, returning to India for a second term, was also a member of the party.

Florence Hough, '36, has recently reached Amazonia where she will do missionary work under the Unevangelized Fields Mission.

Simon Brownson, '37, is engaged in evangelistic work at Bancroft.

Vera Bigham, '37, and Gladys Mileson, '39, will sail in December for China where they will serve under the China Inland Mission.

Dow Sargeant, '37, has been appointed assistant pastor of the Markham Mennonite Church, of which Rev. Percy Lehman, E.C. '23, is pastor.

Margaret Friesen, '37-'38, an accepted candidate for the Sudan Interior Mission, is temporarily engaged in Faith Mission work in Ontario.

John M. Addison, '38, was ordained by the Associated Gospel Churches on Sept. 11 at the Don Gospel Church, of which he is pastor. Rev. Robert Chubb, '36, delivered the charge to the church.

On Nov. 21, Wm. Brown, '38, took over the work of the Upper Canada Tract Society's Mission to Sailors at Kingston.

Elsie Scott, '38, left on Nov. 25 for Haiti, where she will work under the West Indies Mission.

Margaret Hope and Margaret McGowan, both of '39, have entered the training school for nurses at Toronto Western Hospital.

Andrew H. McKenzie, '39, entered University College, Toronto, in September.

Betty Olenick, '39, has been accepted by the Russian Gospel Association for work in Alaska, and expects

to leave for her field early in the new year.

Rev. Arthur, '38-'39, and Mrs. Barros (Rose Stephen, '23) left Toronto on Oct. 22 to return to South America. They will work in Brazil under the Evangelical Union of South America.

Paul Rumball, who was a part-time student at the Bible College during his furlough last year, sails on Dec. 5 for Japan to continue his work with the Japan Pioneer Mission.

A son was born at Ipn, Brazil, on Sept. 4 to Mr. '28, and Mrs. Edward Knechtel.

A daughter, Donna Elizabeth, was born on Oct. 17 to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hartwick (Gertrude Thompson, '28).

Helen Kincaid, '41, was married to Gordon Cowling at the People's Church, Toronto, on Sept. 16.

Wm. G. Tilly, '34, was married to Anne Knight, of Stouffville, on Nov. 4.

Louis de Groot, '38, won the public speaking championship in the recent contest sponsored by the Toronto Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church.

On Wednesday, December 20, the fall term of the 46th Session will close, and the spring term will commence on Wednesday, January 3, at 9 a.m.

TWO EVENINGS OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Monday, December 18—by the students of the day classes

Tuesday, December 19—by the students of the evening classes

8 p.m.

in the Assembly Hall of the College

We invite our readers and their friends
to attend these services.







